

MINUTES - FACULTY SENATE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1982

The first Faculty Senate meeting of the 1982-83 academic year was called to order by Chairman Robert B. Patterson at 3:54 p.m.

I. Approval of Minutes.

The minutes were approved with editorial corrections.

II. Reports of Officers.

The PRESIDENT did not make a report to the Senate because of the address he had made to the General Faculty immediately preceding the Faculty Senate. However, the President was available to answer questions but there were no questions forthcoming.

Provost
Reports
on
Promotion
Raises

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND PROVOST FRANCIS BORKOWSKI reported briefly on the matter of raises for faculty who had received promotions at the conclusion of the 1981-82 academic year, a topic which he had addressed in his longer remarks in the July 1, 1982 Faculty Senate meeting (see Minutes). As a follow-up to this, the PROVOST reported:

. . . I am pleased to say that indeed we did gain the approval for the full promotion compliment . . . and those faculty members will receive the total amount in excess of the 4%, which was the lid placed on us by the Budget and Control Board.

There were no questions of the Provost on this or on any other matter.

III. Reports of Committees.

A. Faculty Senate Steering Committee:

The CHAIR informed the Senate:

Committee
to Study
Summer
School

1. At the invitation of the Provost, the Chair has become involved with recommending the appointment of a faculty committee to study the operation of summer school. This committee will make a report to the Provost. It will have no powers. It will just study the issue and the Provost has assured me that he will refer whatever report this committee generates to appropriate faculty committees within the University.

Progress on
Faculty House
Lease Agree-
ment

2. As you will recall, at the summer meeting of the Faculty Senate the Senate approved the incorporation of Faculty House as a private corporation subject to the overview and consent of the Faculty Senate Steering Committee. I would simply like to inform the Senate that the papers for incorporation have been or will shortly be submitted and that the Steering Committee is working with the leadership of the Board of Governors of Faculty House to finalize the lease agreement containing the terms which will govern Faculty House Incorporated's use of Faculty House in conjunction with the operation of faculty governance facilities within that building.

Patent and
Copyright
Election
Results
and
Appointment
to Grade
Change
Committee

For the Steering Committee, the SECRETARY reported to the Senate the results of the election conducted by mail ballot to fill the contested seat on the Patent and Copyright Committee. As the result of this election Professors Rufus Fellers, College of Engineering, and David Phillips, Department of Music were elected. Secondly, the SECRETARY informed the Senate of the Steering Committee's appointment, Professor Henry W. Chappell of the College of Business Administration for a one year replacement on the Grade Change Committee.

The CHAIR informed the Senate that the floor would be open for nominations for Chairman-elect of the Senate under New Business.

B. Grade Change Committee, Professor Patricia Mason, Chair:

PROFESSOR MASON explained that of the 135 grade changes over 60% of these were due to computational errors on the part of the professor. PROFESSOR MASON also explained that of the College of Science and Mathematics' 65 requests, 44 of these were submitted by a single professor who offered a satisfactory explanation for this number of requests. The report was approved as submitted.

C. Curricula and Courses Committee, Professor Peter Sederberg, Chair:

There was discussion of the proposed changes in general education requirements of the College of Science and Mathematics. PROFESSOR EUGENE LONG, DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY, discussed how the proposed changes would impact his department as follows:

Statement
from
Philosophy
Department

Obviously this change would have an effect on our enrollment in 110 and 111 and the Department faculty discussed this in the spring and recently a committee of the faculty had a look at it. We are not opposing this proposal but since we had a few calls from senators within the College we thought some explanation for our position was in order. I think the first thing we would like to say is that we continue to believe in the importance of all students in the University being trained in careful reasoning and careful analysis of arguments and we at least do not know of any field other than logic better equipped to encourage this. And we believe in the fact that some of the students in Science and Mathematics may lose something if they did not elect to take the course. We also are sympathetic however to the College's desire that their students do some work in computer science. I think we all know that this is a field in which our teenagers are already proficient in 2 or 3 computer languages and no doubt sometime in the future all of us will have to be. But I think the difference here between us is how best to go about requiring work in computer science. Here we come out somewhat differently from the College of Science and Mathematics but we have talked extensively with Dean Mercer and I think many of us agree with him that another option that they might have tried to choose would be to reduce the humanities area elective and we are sympathetic with their desire not to do that. A second point perhaps should be made is that we have discussed (and 3 or 4 of us have met at some length) many of the issues surrounding this proposal and I think that we are in agreement with many of the fundamental principles that are being looked at. It is clear that some of the best students we have in 110 or 111, the Logic sequence, comes from that college. We also get a few students from the College in some of our upper level courses. We believe in fact that a number of students will continue to elect Logic and we are making some steps towards more conversations with the College of Science and Mathematics as to what kinds of things we might offer to supplement their program, in other words what we might do for each other somewhere down the road. To make a long story short, we have some differences, but the Philosophy Department is not planning on objecting to this proposal.

There was no further discussion of this concern and after several additional editorial corrections of this proposal, the entire report was approved.

D. Faculty Welfare Committee, Professor Robert Rood, Chair:

PROFESSOR ROOD called the attention of the Senate to his Committee's annual report which was an attachment to the agenda for this meeting. PROFESSOR ROOD summarized the activities of the committee over the past year.

E. Faculty House Board of Governors, Professor Richard Conant, Chair:

PROFESSOR CONANT called the attention of the faculty to the new downstairs dining service commencing on Tuesday, September the 7th and explained that it is much less expensive than the \$15.50 gourmet dinner upstairs in the Faculty House. He also encouraged the faculty to "take a look" at Faculty House during open membership month of September. Annual dues are \$35 with a \$30 initiation fee. PROFESSOR CONANT concluded by emphasizing the reasonableness of these dues and said "If you don't come and use it we are going to lose it to the other side of the street".

VI. Report of the Secretary.

The SECRETARY requested Senators to call to his attention any omissions on the roster of Senate membership and requested the Senators to speak as loudly and clearly as possible so that they can be recorded accurately.

V. Unfinished Business.

There was no unfinished business.

VI. New Business.

Nominations
for
Chairman-
Elect

The principle item of business was the nomination of faculty for the position of Chairman-elect of the Faculty Senate as per Article III, Section 2 of the Bylaws. The CHAIR explained that the Chairman-elect is nominated at the first regular fall meeting and elected at the next regular meeting and that any voting member of the faculty may offer a nomination for Chairman-elect from the floor but, however, only members of the Senate may vote in the election. The Chairman-elect may be but is not required to be a member of the Senate, but only voting members of the University Faculty are eligible for this position. No one whose primary functions are administrative in nature is eligible to become Chairman-elect. The Chairman-elect assumes the office of Chairman at the first meeting of the fall term in the beginning of the second year of service on the Steering Committee.

The following faculty were nominated: Professor Rufus Fellers, College of Engineering, was nominated by Professor Walter Reiser, Law School. Professor Charles Weasmer, Department of Government and International Studies, was nominated by Professor Charles Coolidge of the Department of History.

VII. Good of the Order.

There were no remarks for the Good of the Order.

VIII. Announcements.

Additional
Nomination
for
Chairman-
Elect

There were no announcements. Therefore, the CHAIR called once again for nominations for the office of Chairman-elect. Professor Peter Becker, Department of History, was nominated by Professor James Buggy of the School of Medicine. There were no further nominations.

The Senate adjourned at 4:23 p.m.